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on urging the Member States to include Hezbollah on the EU terror list

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Written declaration on urging the Member States to include Hezbollah on the EU terror list

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU is committed to preventing and combating terrorism and to providing for the protection of its citizens,
- B. whereas Hezbollah poses a direct terrorist threat to the EU's security,
- C. whereas Hezbollah has conducted terrorist attacks against Europeans, including the bombing of the French contingent in Lebanon (1983), the bombing of the French Embassy in Kuwait (1983), the bombing of a restaurant in Madrid (1985) and 13 bombings of shopping centres and railroad facilities in France (1986), killing 89 and wounding over 250 people,
- D. whereas Hezbollah has developed a network of fundraising and support cells in Europe that can be transformed into operational cells capable of attacks on EU territory,
- E. whereas the funds raised enable Hezbollah to threaten the Greater Middle East,
- F. whereas six countries, including the UK and the Netherlands, have listed Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation and others, such as Germany and France, have taken legal action against Hezbollah,
- G. whereas Hezbollah poses a threat to EU soldiers in UNIFIL,
- H. whereas Hezbollah supports and cooperates with terrorist groups on the EU terrorism list, e.g. Hamas,
- I. whereas Hezbollah broadcasts Al-Manar TV into Europe, inciting anti-Western hatred and violence, glorifying suicide bombers and using verses of the Quran to justify and promote violence,
- 1. Calls on the EU Member States to place Hezbollah on the EU terrorist organizations' list;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.